

refusal of my own government to recognize and identify the events from 1915 to 1923 as the Armenian Genocide. It doesn't seem to make a difference if the White House is occupied by a Republican or a Democrat, no one has the political courage to call the Armenian Genocide by name. I am always told that now is not the right time to take such an action.

When will be the right time, Mr. Speaker? When the last survivor, the last eye-witness to the genocide has passed away? Every year, when I join the commemoration of the Armenian Genocide in Worcester, Massachusetts, there are fewer and fewer survivors.

I understand the need for careful political consideration of these matters, but we have waited too long as it is.

It is past time to recognize the Armenian Genocide, by name, Mr. Speaker. I call on the President to do so, now, this year, for the sake of the last survivors of this atrocity and in honor of all of those who perished.

RECOGNIZING THE CHURCH OF ST.
MARY

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

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Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Church of St. Mary in Hampton Bays, New York as it celebrates one hundred years of ministry and worship. I offer my congratulations to the rector, wardens, vestry and congregation of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, a beautiful and historic church that stands as a testament to the devotion of its members.

From its modest beginnings in the home of Earl B. Squires in 1912 to its present-day position as the first and most active partner in an outreach program to the East End's homeless, St. Mary's has been a vital part of the community. On March 26, 1912, the Reverend Samuel Centennial Fish conducted the first service in the home of Earl Squires opposite the present location of the church at 165 Ponquogue Avenue.

In 1917, Virginia Taylor Hardy donated the property and present church, nestled amid a grove of oak trees, to serve the population of

Good Ground, a portion of present day Hampton Bays. Its Norman architecture is accentuated by slate and tile floors, varying peaked tile roofs and English oak pews and paneling. The stained glass windows in the baptistery and above the altar are the work of Otto W. Heinigke, one of the foremost stained glass artists in the country. The church building, recognized as one of the most beautiful small churches in America, was consecrated on September 4, 1920 by the Right Rev. Frederick Burgess, Bishop of Long Island. In 1966, the church was granted parish status after 52 years as a mission.

The current rector, the Rev. Bernadette M. Sullivan, is the first woman to serve as the church's spiritual leader. In 2001, the rector volunteered St. Mary's as the first church to commit to participate in the Maureen's Haven Ministry to the homeless. Many members of the congregation have been inspired to become involved. After ten years, more than 30 other churches are participating in the program providing beds, hot food and counseling for more than 252 guests.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have such a strong and long-standing congregation in the First Congressional District of New York, and I offer best wishes for the future.